

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 07 April 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3 to 14 and 16 to 18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 8, 14, and 16, Applicant's argument that each of the independent claims requires all of the elements and method steps to reside within and be performed by a remote control device is persuasive. *Groner* does not disclose all of the elements and method steps reside within and are performed by telephone device 32 or text display device 44. Nor would one having ordinary skill in the art find it obvious to combine *Groner*, *White et al.*, and *Lemaire et al.* to arrive at all of the elements and method steps of independent claims 8, 14, and 16.

Regarding independent claim 3, Applicant's argument that the combination of *Groner* and *Lemaire et al.* does not suggest all of the limitations of speaking aloud the sender, date, subject, e-mail content, and attachment is persuasive. The combination of *Groner* and *Lemaire et al.* does not expressly disclose all of these elements.

Regarding independent claim 5, Applicant's argument that the combination of *Groner* and *Atkas et al.* does not suggest the limitations of speaking aloud the summary of an e-mail folder is persuasive. The combination of *Groner* and *Atkas et al.* does not expressly disclose reciting a summary of a folder, and one having ordinary skill in the art would not find it obvious to combine *Groner*, *White et al.*, and *Atkas et al.* to arrive at the feature.

Regarding independent claim 7, Applicant's argument that the combination of *Groner* and *Atkas et al.* does not suggest providing an audio announcement whenever new messages are received is persuasive. *Atkas et al.* may recite a list of messages when a user accesses his mailbox, but does not provide for an audio announcement of messages whenever new messages are received.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Martin Lerner whose telephone number is (571) 272-7608. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday to Thursday.

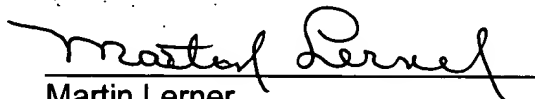
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571) 272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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